

## **Prayer and Praise Report For the 2018 AGM**

2017-18 has been another year where we have seen the faithfulness of God in motion. We have seen Him at work in the lives of the many campers who came here during the summer; we saw Him at work in and through the leaders, counsellors and volunteers who gave of their time and efforts to impact lives with the love of Jesus.

Ultimately this is why we are all here: we want to see the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven—in individual lives, in leaders, in our campers and more and more, to surrounding areas—bringing the power and love of Jesus to see transformation in lives and communities.

We are in an exciting time of change in this season of the camp, and I'd like to remind us of a segment from Aimee Cronan's prayer and praise report from last year: "Last year at this time, I remember saying that there was change coming. I think I even said it was something big, however, I didn't know what. . . .With all the change that has been happening God has brought new vision, new passion, and new life in the ministry of the camp. . . .God is restoring this camp, and He is giving people new vision, new hope and new excitement. . . .We have much to be thankful for, and I feel confident in saying that there is even more blessing that is going to be poured out on the camp."

I believe these words ring true, and that they are prophetic in pointing out what the future holds for us at SBC.

We give thanks for the ongoing development of vision and direction from the Board. God is continuing to speak about streamlining initiatives in terms of fundraising, finances, and facilities. He has formed a group of leadership that draws on historic experience and has seen fit to bring in new and energized perspectives that will help us to create a Christ-loving environment that is relevant for today's culture.

We give thanks for the belief that God has put into the hearts of many people a desire to re-engage with the ministry of the camp. We simply can't function to our fullest potential without the many volunteers that contribute in so many ways.

We give thanks that the Lord provided leadership through Dan and Aimee Cronan these past number of years and also express gratitude for the new leadership that God provides. This new leadership will be helped by the Board to develop and expand the camp's ministry influence while still maintaining unique ministry identity like Inner City camps.

We are 'ever grateful and never satisfied': ever grateful for how the Lord has transformed many lives through His love and grace poured out in a vision for camp ministry that was taken on by many faithful pioneers; and we are never satisfied, believing that God is not even close to

having revealed the full extent of what He desires to do here in the near future. We stand on a solid past, and we strive for an even better future.

This summer will be one of solidifying. The camps will be solidified, put on solid ground, under the care and direction of the Board, New Director, Staff and volunteers. And this fall, a new initiative to grow and expand the camp's finances and relationships with churches and organizations will help to launch us into new and exciting ministry opportunities.

We believe that inspired management, persevering and practical hard work, belief in the power of Jesus to provide for the ordinary and the impossible, passion for prayer and worship, and an ongoing pursuit of God's own heart, will create an environment of transformation and freedom.

If all of this sounds like something you could support and be a part of, then we boldly ask you to pray for God to release all His blessings so these will become a reality. We boldly ask you to support the camp and this vision for ministry with your finances. We ask that you would share the vision for this camp with others and boldly ask them to support as well. We ask that you would commit yourself to the promotion of this place, and to be a part of something that will have an impact for generations.

All for Christ's glory,  
Brian Tysdal  
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